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Mr. Ross F. Worsham
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Dear Mr. Worsham:

Subject: REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP ON NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

This letter is in response to your letter dated July 10, 1997, in which you requested an application for membership for yourself and Mr. Jeffrey A. Smigel on the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) of the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. The Norfolk Naval Shipyard RAB serves to provide technical and community advisory input to the Norfolk Naval Shipyard Installation Restoration Program. Your letter cited your association with Atlantic Wood Industries, Inc. (AWII) and ongoing environmental remediation efforts at AWII property near the Shipyard as the reasons for your interest in joining the Norfolk Naval Shipyard RAB.

The Shipyard is not currently seeking to add members to its RAB. Moreover, the Navy's general guidance regarding RAB membership suggests that persons be placed on the RAB as: representatives of the involved Naval installation; technical advisors in subject matter of concern to the RAB; representatives of involved regulatory agencies; and representatives who reside in, and reflect the interests/concerns of, the local community. We believe that neither you nor Mr. Smigel meet these criteria.

While the Shipyard believed your requested membership on the RAB would be inappropriate, we did request the existing RAB Community members to provide us with their advice. The consensus of the community members was that the requested membership would not be in furtherance of the RAB's stated purpose and recommended that your request be denied.


Based on the above, your request to apply for membership on the Norfolk Naval Shipyard Restoration Advisory Board is denied. You and Mr. Smigel are, of course, welcome to participate in meetings as a member of the general public during public comment periods.

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I trust that I have been responsive to your request. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (757) 396-7231, ext. 121.

Sincerely,



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Head, Environmental Programs Division
By direction of the
Shipyard Commander

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